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DOLGELLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL
HEALTH REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1948

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

R. W. EDWARDS, B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

SANITARY INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR :

IDWAL ROBERTS, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

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ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the Dolgelley Rural District Council.

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

Now that the County Council are proposing to divide the County into Districts with full-time Medical Officers of Health, it was arranged that Mr. Roberts should report fully on the work for which he is responsible to the Council.

Statisticks and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area	..	..	..	150.128 acres.
Parishes	..	..	..	13
Population	..	..	..	7706 Registrar General's Estimate
Number of Inhabited Houses				2566
Rateable Value	..	..	..	£28,122
Sum Represented by 1d. Rate				£108. 2s. 0d.

Vital Statisticks.

LIVE BIRTHS.			<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Legitimate	..	..	115	52	63
Illegitimate	..	..	13	11	2
STILL BIRTHS.					
Legitimate	..	..	5	4	1
Illegitimate	..	..	0	0	0

Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age.

			<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Legitimate	..	..	6	5	1
Illegitimate	..	..	0	0	0

Rates per 1,000 of Estimated Population.

General Death Rate	..	..	..	13.49
Total Tuberculosis death rate	..	..	..	0.25
"Phthisis" Death Rate	..	..	..	0.25
Cancer death rate	..	..	..	1.68
Birth Rate	..	..	..	16.61
Still Birth rate	..	..	..	0.77
Scarlet Fever death rate	..	..	..	:0.00
Diphtheria death rate	..	..	..	:0.00

Rates per 1,000 Total Births (live and still births).

Still Birth rate	..	..	..	34.78
Maternal mortality total	..	..	..	0.00
Sepsis	..	..	..	0.00
Other Forms	..	..	..	0.00

Rates per 1,000 Live Births.

Infant mortality total	..	..	..	36.03
Legitimate infants	..	..	..	36.03
Illegitimate infants	..	..	..	0.00
Diarrhoea under two years	..	..	..	0.00

Public Health Services : Staff—

Medical Officer of Health	..	1 (Part-time)
Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor	..	1 (full-time)

Ambulance Service.

The Ambulance Service was controlled for part of the year by the Ambulance Joint Committee, but was taken over by the County Council under the National Health Service Act, 1946 as from 5th July, 1948.

Infectious Disease. (Other than Tuberculosis).

The total number of cases of infectious diseases notified was 152, an increase of 101 over the previous year. The increase was due to measles and whooping cough of which 121 and 31 were notified respectively and although these latter figures are high, I am pleased to report that there was not a fatal case. No cases were removed to Hospital.

Measles	..	..	..	..	121
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	0
Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	0
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	31
Cerebro-spinal	..	..	..	..	0
Acute-Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	0

Tuberculosis.

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and of deaths from the disease in the area, during 1948, are as follows :—

	New Cases				Deaths			
	Resp.		Non-resp.		Resp.		Non-resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
45	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
55	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 Upwards	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	6	2	0	3	2	0	0	0

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

These are reported upon in the Sanitary Inspector's section.

The Sanitary Inspector and his staff exercise extreme vigilance in ensuring that the water supplied to the consumer is of a satisfactory quality. Those supplies which are filtered and treated are yielding a satisfactory chemical and bacteriological standard.

The Council have in various stages of progress several schemes for supplementing and treating existing supplies : including the provision of schemes for the remaining villages in the District where no supply exists.

It is hoped that much progress can be made to provide a domestic supply to a large number of houses.

In conclusion, I desire to express my appreciation of the assistance rendered to me by the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Idwal Roberts.

I beg to remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. W. EDWARDS,

B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Cae'rffynnon,
Dolgelley.
Sept., 1949.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

I beg to place before you my annual report for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

Housing.

The most pressing need at the present is housing accommodation, but the District is similarly placed to many other throughout the country.

Premises which should be scheduled for demolition must necessarily deteriorate still further, yet in the present scarcity not a house can be spared, especially having regard to the overcrowding and the housing need known to exist.

Housing repairs have received attention and a considerable number of licences have been granted to affect repairs, improvements and extensions to existing properties. A large number of improvements have been made for the provision of private water supply repairs and improvements to small holdings under the provisions of the Hill Farming Act, 1946, in co-operation with the County Agricultural Committee.

Progress with the provision of traditional houses is being arrested pending the completion of the several, water and sewerage schemes throughout the area.

Water Supplies.

<i>Villages</i>	<i>Supply</i>	<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Bact. Exam.</i>	<i>Chem. Exam.</i>	<i>Treat- ment.</i>	<i>Conn. to Main.</i>	<i>To Stand Pipes</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Aberangell	Insufficient	2	Sat.	—	Filter	39	8	Temp. Scheme.
Abergynol- wyn	Sufficient	1	„	—	None	122	5	Satisfactory Maintained
Bontddu	„	1	„	—	„	39	5	„
B'mth Junction	„	1	„	Sat.	Filt & Clor.	41	0	„
Corris	Insufficient	4	Unsat.	—	—	24	4	Scheme sub. to Board
Dyffryn Ganllwyd	Sufficient	2	Sat.	Sat.	—	249	25	Scheme sub. to Board
Llanegryn	Insufficient	1	Sat.	Sat.	—	96	11	„
Llanelltyd	„	2	Sat.	—	—	9	8	„
Llanfachreth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	„
Llwyngwrl	Sufficient	3	Sat.	Sat.	Filt & Clor.	191	30	Satisfactory
Talybont	Insufficient	2	„	„	None	54	18	Supp. supply necess.
Taicynhaeaf.	Sufficient	1	„	—	Filter bed	17	0	Satis. Maintained.

Number of visits re :—defects.	..	..	..	..	78
Visits to Dairies.	..	..	..	..	134
Number of notices re :—defects.	..	..	..	..	78
Notices re :—removal of ashes.	..	..	..	..	18
Removal of Manure.	..	..	..	..	Nil
Notices re :—defective drains.	..	..	..	..	3
Number of visits to cases of infectious diseases.	..	..	..	..	Nil
Number of houses disinfected.	..	..	..	..	4
Number of defective water fittings.	..	..	..	..	16
Of pail closets converted into W.C.	..	..	..	..	12

Rural Housing Survey.

Progress at the end of 1948.

(1) Houses fit for habitation or need minor repair.	..	854
(2) Houses requiring structural alteration and repairs.	..	1119
(3) Houses requiring reconditioning.	.. ..	92
(4) Houses unfit for occupation	.. ..	490
		<hr/> 2555 <hr/>

The Council have accepted tenders and works are in progress for the erection of 30 Traditional houses at Llwyngwrl. Plans are in preparation for the construction of 4 at Talybont, 12 at Rhoslefain and 6 at Bontddu. Sites have also been selected at Llanfachreth, Taicynhaef, Dinas Mawddwy and Llanelltyd. House plans have been approved for the erection of 20 traditional houses at Dyffryn ; but no further progress can be made pending the construction of a new Sewer and Sewerage scheme for the village.

Housing Acts, 1936.

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—

- (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 204
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 232

Number of dwelling houses found in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. —

Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation. 64

- 2. Remedy of defects during year without service of formal notices 15

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. 15

No proceedings were taken under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Acts, 1936.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The cowsheds and dairies in many cases need improvement in structure to provide better light, increased ventilation, impervious stalls, better water supplies and drainage systems. The difficulties with the smaller farms are many, but much improvement has been steadily made to meet modern requirements. On the whole, the cowsheds are clean, periodically limewashed and the standard of milk produced is good.

Meat.

No animals are slaughtered for human consumption in the area. The slaughtering is carried out at the abattoir situated in the Dolgelley Urban Council's Area.

Bakehouses.

All these are small and subject to periodical inspection. They are kept clean and are limewashed at intervals. There are no underground bake-houses.

Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

The work is carried out for this Authority at the Public Health Laboratories, Aberystwyth both for water and milk.

Workshops.

These are few in number and are very small. They are occupied for the most part by the Owner. Their sanitary conditions are on the whole satisfactory.

Conclusion.

The year 1948, brought changes and new schemes, which I hope will bring added amenity to the district and general satisfaction.

I desire to express to the Council my appreciation for the confidence reposed in me.

I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

IDWAL ROBERTS,

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor

Victoria Buildings,
Dolgelley.
Sept., 1949.



